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School-based health centers are a proven cost effective means to provide a range of quality health care services to children, adolescents and at-risk youth, preventing worsened chronic conditions, inappropriate emergency room use and avoidable hospitalizations. Other counties, such as Alameda County, have developed models that demonstrate how mental health outcomes improve and children are more ready to learn when they receive appropriate integrated health and mental health services at a school based health center site.

Various public and private funds could be leveraged to support school based health centers that provide integrated behavioral and medical services. For example, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars are available to fund programs that, among other things, reduce school failure or dropouts that may result from untreated mental illness. While the State may try to redirect a portion of the \$40 million in MHSA funding for innovation allocated to Los Angeles County to balance its budget shortfall, Los Angeles County will still receive a significant portion of those funds along with roughly \$105 million in MHSA funding for ongoing prevention and early intervention programs – 65% of which were voted by County stakeholder delegates to be spent on children, transitional age youth and their families.

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Another example includes Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program Funds. On January 27, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved \$44.8 Million for the Public-Private Partnership Program to be used for capital and operational expenditures in SPA's 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8. A portion of those dollars could potentially be used to support integrated school-based health center sites within those service planning areas (to the extent doing so would be consistent with those already approved motions). These are just a few of the opportunities that exist to leverage federal, state and local funds.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the CEO, the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Interim Director of the Department of Health Services to report back with a plan, including a timeline, for developing at least five potential integrated school-based health center projects within the county. These proposed projects would enable the integration of behavioral health services with county-funded primary care services at school based health center sites.

1. The CEO and agencies' report to the Board should discuss:
 - a. the location of potential projects to ensure that they target underserved children;
 - b. a recommended budget;
 - c. opportunities to leverage funds, including LAUSD joint use bond funds, other school district funds, PPP program and infrastructure dollars, MHSA prevention and early intervention and innovation funds, Medicaid and SCHIP funds, economic stimulus package funds, and private philanthropic dollars;
 - d. the extent to which these projects could be sustained, replicated and expanded beyond three years; and
 - e. performance measures and timelines to ensure these projects could be adequately implemented, monitored and evaluated to ensure accountability and encourage best practices.

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2. The CEO, Director of the Department of Mental Health and Interim Director of the Department of Health Services are encouraged to use the non-profit Integrated Behavioral Health Project as a resource for potential model approaches that have successfully integrated behavioral and medical services statewide and nationwide. They are also encouraged to work with the appropriate school district officials to identify opportunities to leverage joint dollars.
3. The Board's intent is that these proposals be developed in a manner consistent with the MHSA stakeholder process to allow for appropriate community input.
4. The CEO should report back to the Board within 60 days.

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